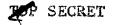
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Administrative Division, OSA Chief, Communications Staff, OSA Chief, Development Division, OSA Chief, Intelligence Staff, OSA Chief, Materiel Division, OSA Chief, Operations Division, OSA Chief, Weather Staff, OSA

SUBJECT

: KC-135, Logistical Support

- 1. The attainment of an operational capability in Project OXCART will, to a large measure, depend upon the effective planning of KC-135 tanker support and related logistical requirements. Key operational target dates against which this planning must be directed are as follows:
  - 1 December 1962: Continuation of refueling testing with A-12 utilizing tankers from Castle AFB, California.
  - b. <u>1 January 1963</u>: Begin aerial refueling training utilizing tankers from Castle AFB, California.
  - c. 1 February 1963: Begin advanced training mission utilizing tankers staging from Eielson AFB, Alaska.

1 March 1963: Begin advanced training mission

utilizing tankers

<u>1 April 1963</u>: Begin operational mission utilizing tankers staging from Eielson AFB, Alaska;

Okinawa.

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and Kadena AFB.

- The essential elements involved in the over-all tanker support requirement are listed below. The staff agency having primary responsibility for each item is indicated in parentheses.
  - <u>Tankers Required</u>: (Operations Division)

USAF review(s) completed.

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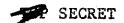
- (1) December 1962 through January 1963: 2 aircraft.
  - (2) February 1963: 3 aircraft
  - (3) March 1963: 6 aircraft
- (4) April 1963 and on a continuing monthly basis: 10 aircraft.
- b. Fuel Handling and Flushing Procedures: (Materiel Division)
  - c. <u>Fuel Storage Facilities</u>: (Materiel Division)
  - d. ARC-50 Radio: (Development Division)

The ARC-50 radio installation is required in all supporting tankers and all A-12 aircraft excepting the flight test bed aircraft. This installation must be completed prior to refueling training.

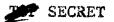
e. <u>Special Fuel</u>: (Materiel and Development Divisions)

A final decision is urgently required as to the use of special fuel for tanker aircraft operation.

- f. Security Requirements: (Administrative Division)
- 3. In order to assure timely and concurrent planning of the over-all KC-135 support requirement, Staff Agencies inidcated are assigned responsibility for monitoring the various aspects as defined in paragraph two to assure that necessary actions are effected to meet operational requirements.



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4. I would appreciate a bi-weekly briefing on this subject for myself and appropriate staff members beginning the week of 12 November 1962.

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